



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: "Main Sail" timber sale Application #30-084300, FPA # 260 98 92

Main Sail timber sale is a three unit variable retention harvest encompassing 52 acres, excluding existing road acreage the net harvest acreage is 51. The estimated timber volume removal is 1,125 MBF, with an additional 40 cords of down cedar salvage. This proposal also includes a total of 1,291 feet of new construction and 1,456 feet of pre-haul maintenance. Following completion of this proposal 1,974 feet of road will be decommissioned and 227 feet will be abandoned. The designated rock source for this proposal is South Winfield Pit located in Section 35 Township 27 North Range 12 West.

Description of mitigation: The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owl: (Procedure PR-14-004-120) This proposal is not located in structural owl habitat, however 41 acres of the sale area is over 50 years of age. Thirty-eight acres are within the Goodman Creek Landscape Planning Unit (LPU) and the remaining three acres fall within the Willy-Huel LPU. Harvest of this acreage will be subject to the acreage limitations within these LPU's.

Marbled Murrelet: This sale was determined to be non-murrelet habitat by the OESF interim marbled murrelet strategy. There is a reclassified stand adjacent to Unit 1 in the southeast corner of timber sale.

Slope Stability: There are no unstable slopes within or directly adjacent to this proposed sale area.

Riparian and/or Wetland Management Zones (RMZ/WMZ): Water resources within the sale area are managed in accordance with the Habitat Conservation Plan. Riparian management zones, consisting of interior core and exterior wind buffers, have been applied to the Type 3 streams in the sale area. The width of the interior core buffers vary by stream segment, based on site specific attributes. Exterior wind buffers with an average width of 150 feet were installed on the Type 3 stream.

Retention Trees:

Eight retention trees per acre, totaling 410 trees, have been selected and marked with a blue band within the sale area. Wind-firm, dominant, and structurally unique trees were targeted for retention and are arranged both individually and aggregates throughout the proposed sale area.

Roads: Road construction and maintenance activities will be in compliance with the HCP, HPA, and current Forest Practices regulations. The work detailed in the road plan has been designed to improve surfacing on the haul roads, and provide for better drainage by installing additional, and replacing inadequate, culverts that will divert storm water onto stable forest floor. Soils exposed during road construction activities will be protected from erosion by grass seeding and mulching with hay.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources – Olympic Region

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Sale is located approximately 11 road miles south of Forks, Washington via Highway 101, the 2V road, the G-5000 road system, and the 4V road in sections 19 and 20 of Township 27 North, Range 12 West.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from May 13, 2009. Comments must be submitted by May 27, 2009

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.
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